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CHAIR'S LETTER

Every summer we get excited about our Section's International Law Weekend in San Francisco -- the signature event of our Section year after year. This year, however, that level of excitement is even greater than usual, because the ABA is in town.

You heard right. The American Bar Association will be holding its Annual Meeting this year in San Francisco at the very same time as we will hold our International Law Weekend in that same venue. More specifically, our International Law Weekend will be held on August 1-2, 1997 (Friday/Saturday) at the St. Francis Hotel in San Francisco, and the ABA's Annual Meeting will run from August 1 through August 5, 1997, in San Francisco, with all of the programs of the ABA's Section of International Law and Practice also being held at the St. Francis Hotel.

What a combination! To the Members of our Executive Committee, this presented a marvelous opportunity to coordinate and collaborate with our fellow international law practitioners from around the country, a feat which we may not be able to duplicate again. Moreover, upon contacting the ABA's Section of International Law and Practice, we were delighted to learn that they, too, were pleased and excited with the possibility of coordinating their efforts with ours.

The happy result is that this year's International Law Weekend promises to be the biggest and best ever. Not only will the attendees of the International Law Weekend receive all of the benefits which they have come to expect from these annual events (i.e., superb educational programs, tremendous speakers, and the opportunity to associate and network with hundreds of other international law practitioners), but, this year, the attendees will also receive the added benefit of being able to attend all of the programs put on by the ABA's International Law and Practice Section for . . . FREE!

That's right!! I said FREE!! Anyone who registers for our International Law Weekend can automatically attend any of the programs of the ABA's Section of International Law and Practice at no additional charge (subject to paying any actual costs for meals, materials, etc.) It's simple -- just show your International Law Weekend badge and you will be admitted.

Likewise, we have extended the same reciprocal opportunity to those registering for the ABA's Annual Meeting. This means that those register for the ABA's programs can attend our International Law Weekend at no additional charge (again, subject to paying actual costs for materials and/or our traditional keynote luncheon on Friday afternoon) just by showing their ABA Annual Meeting badge.

The results of these combined efforts should be outstanding. We expect that many of our members will benefit substantially from attending the programs of the ABA's Section of International Law and Practice at no additional cost to themselves. Similarly, we expect to welcome to our International Law Weekend many ABA practitioners from around the country who would otherwise not likely be able to attend due to distance and/or cost restraints.

And don't forget -- as always -- we also look forward to the attendance of 100+ foreign attorneys who will participate in our International Law Weekend as part of the Orientation in USA Law Program of U.C. Davis.

Be sure not to miss this one-of-a-kind opportunity! The ABA's Annual Meeting is only held in California on infrequent occasions, and the opportunity to combine their programs with the programs of our own International Law Weekend at no additional cost to the attendees is certainly a rare and extraordinary chance.

I look forward to seeing all of you in San Francisco in August.

Jeff Shields

Chair



IMMIGRATION LAW UPDATE -- JUNE 1997

National Academy of Sciences Issues Its Report on Immigration

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The National Academy of Sciences released its much-anticipated report on immigration in mid-May. The Commission on Immigration Reform requested this report to assess the demographic, economic and fiscal consequences caused by immigration to the United States.

The report focused on three key issues:

- 1) The effect of immigration on the future size and composition of the U.S. population;
- 2) The influence of immigration on the overall economy: and
- 3) The fiscal impact of immigration on federal, state, and local governments

An editorial in the Los Angeles Times on Sunday, May 5, 1997, stated that the bottom line of the report says that immigrants are a net economic plus for America. The report provides a solid argument against California's request for greater federal reimbursement as a high-immigration state.

Highlights from the Report:

- There is an anticipated growth in population to over 387 million people in the U.S. in 2050, 124 million more than at present if net immigration continues indefinitely at its current levels.
- Between \$1 billion and \$10 billion in annual economic benefits to the U.S. are due to the net contribution of immigration.
- Domestic residents benefit from immigration due to net economic gains resulting from increases in the supply of labor which has a corollary affect on the production of new goods and services. In addition, since immigrants are generally paid less than the total value of these new goods and services, domestic workers as a group gain.
- Immigration is unlikely to have a very large effect on relative earnings or on gross domestic product per capita in the massive and complex U.S. economy. Factors which are far more central than immigration that affect the economy are savings and investment and the human capital of U.S. workers.
- There is a weak relationship between native wages and the number of immigrants in a city or state based upon comparisons of geographic areas with different levels of immigration.
- The effect of immigration is minor. It has caused little adverse impact on the wage and employment opportunities of competing native groups; and is not concentrated in the local areas where immigrants live, but instead is dispersed across the United States.

PRE-ENROLLED ACCESS LANE PROGRAM ESTABLISHED

The INS has issued an interim rule re-designating a regulation under 8 C.F.R. which shall result in the institution of a Pre-enrolled Access Lane (PAL) program. This program is for the use of qualified people and vehicles at INS checkpoints in the U.S. Currently, the INS pilot program at the San Clemente, California check-point has been in use with what appears to be excellent results. The program is in response to Public Law 104-134 (April 26, 1996).

Under the PAL Program, the INS may establish lanes at checkpoints for pre-enrolled travelers. Usage of these lanes will be restricted to previously approved participants who have established that they are low risks to using the lane for unlawful purposes. Applicants wishing to participate in the program or register a vehicle for use in the lane will be required to submit form I-866, Application Checkpoint Pre-enrolled Access Lane.

Applicants who do not apply or whose application is denied are not prevented from passing through a checkpoint in the customary way. Eligibility requirements includes conducting a background check to establish the individuals lawful presence in the U.S., criminal history and/or evidence of criminality, employment, residence, prior immigration history, possession of a valid driver s license, vehicle type, registration, and inspection by an INS officer.

Enrolled participants may also transport passengers who are not enrolled in the program as long as all passengers are U.S. citizens, lawful permanent residents, or valid nonimmigrant U.S. visa holders.

PAYING INS FEES BY CHECK? NEW PROCEDURES

INS recently reported that it had lost over \$1.5 million in fees in 1996 due to bounced checks, according to an April 18, 1997 memorandum. In order to reduce the incidence of bad checks, INS has implemented several new procedures effective immediately.

Applicants submitting applications in person at an INS office are required to show one form of legal identification (i.e., a driver s license, permanent resident alien card, passport or an employment authorization document). An alien applicant is also required to verify his or her social security number if he or she has been issued one. While a U.S. citizen cannot be required to render his or her social security number, a second form of identification may be required instead of the social security number.

The legal identification number, the social security number or the alternate identification number, as well as the alien registration number (if applicable) and receipt number are to be included on the face of the check. The picture on the legal identification must be of the person submitting the check. If a business check is presented, the person submitting the check must provide evidence of being employed by the firm. Checks that are received from attorneys on behalf of the applicants will be accepted without picture ID, however the check must be preprinted with the firm s name and address. The INS will aggressively pursue collection of nonpayment through the applicable state bar.

If any of the above requirements cannot be met, acceptable alternative forms of payment are cash, money order or a certified bank check.

If the applicant deposits his or her application in a drop box, personal or business checks will not be accepted for local processing. An applicant who wishes to pay with a personal or business check must follow the guidelines mentioned above. Applications that have been deposited in a drop box with a money order or certified check will be processed under the current procedures, while applications which included a personal or business check will be returned with instructions to the applicant to re-submit with a money order or certified bank check.

RECORD NUMBER OF DEPORTABLE ALIENS REMOVED

The INS announced that it removed a record number of deportable aliens in the second quarter of this fiscal year. According to the INS' preliminary statistics, the INS returned 22,595 aliens to their home countries during the second three months of fiscal year (FY) 1997 (January 1 through March 31), which was an increase of 28

percent over the same period last year. In the first half of FY 1997, the INS has removed a total of 42,426 aliens.

The INS said that a key reason for the rise in removals nationwide is an increase in detention space and other resources this year, which has boosted the INS' ability over the last three years to detain aliens while they are proceedings.

CONSULAR PROCESSING - IMMIGRANT VISA VALIDITY EXTENDED

The Secretary of State amended the Department's regulation at 22 CFR Part 42 by notice in the Federal Register on May 21, 1997. The rule is in effect on October 1, 1997. This rule allows approved immigrants to enter the U.S. within six months of consular processing instead of four months.

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NEWS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

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Editors Note: The issue of human rights and trade with China continues to be a contentious issue not only in the United States, but now in the European Union as well. Just as China has effectively used the economic carrot and stick to keep the United States and Europe competing for economic crumbs rather than presenting a united front on issues such as human rights or intellectual property protection, China has now created a rift within the European Union, rewarding allies and punishing critics.

SPOTLIGHT

France Blocks U.N. Censure of China

In April, a United Nations Human Rights Commission attempt to formally censure China for its human rights record was blocked when France refused to back a motion from Denmark which was supported by Ireland, the Netherlands, and the United States. Following the French action, Germany, Greece, Italy, and Spain also withdrew support in an effort to blunt Chinese retaliation. In a visit to China immediately following the action, French President Jaques Chirac was hailed as a friend to China and presided over the signing of \$1.8 billion in contracts for French companies.

European Parliament Resolution Critical of France and China

In May, the European Parliament passed a resolution denouncing France for breaking ranks with other European Union members who had agreed to support a motion of the United Nations Human Rights Commission censuring China for its human rights record. The resolution also attacked China for its use of economic retaliation after it halted Danish and Dutch trade missions to China and threatened retaliatory measures for their co-sponsorship of the U.N. motion.

PUBLIC INTERNATIONAL LAW

U.S. Ratifies U.N. Chemical Weapons Convention

The United States ratified the U.N. Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC) on April 25 following a long battle between the White House and Foreign Relations Committee Chairman Jesse Helms, who was opposed to the convention. The international treaty is designed to outlaw the use, production, transfer and stockpiling of chemical weapons became effective on April 29. It has been ratified by over 81 nations. The treaty imposes trade embargoes on certain chemical products and materials from non-signatory countries which are expected to effect as much as \$5.5 billion dollars worth of products.

Native Americans Take Land Dispute to International Commission

Two members of the Western Shoshone tribe in Nevada have filed a complaint with the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, a branch of the Organization of American States. The complaint states that the U.S. government has denied their land claim as part of a historical and systematic discrimination against American Indians. Although the commission does not have binding authority, an adverse decision can result in international embarrassment. The U.S. is taking the complaint seriously, however, the Department of Justice is claiming that the dispute is over land ownership, not human rights.

United Nations Adopts Treaty on Water Use

In a vote of 103-3, the U.N. General Assembly voted to adopt the Convention on the Law of the Non-Navigational Uses of International Watercourses. The Convention governs the use of dams and the management of water resources for rivers that flow across national boundaries. There is growing concern that water scarcity and disputes over upstream depletion of water resources could result in international conflict or war. The Convention requires all countries to use rivers in an "equitable and reasonable way". Although the Convention will not apply to states that do not accede to it, it was opposed by China and Turkey.

WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

WTO Guidelines for Accounting Services

The WTO Council for Trade in Services adopted guidelines in May for mutual recognition agreements between governments in the accountancy sector. The guidelines are non-binding, but are intended to facilitate mutual recognition of professional qualifications in the accounting area. The guidelines were promulgated as part of the work program mandated under the General Agreement on Trade in Services.

European Union Loses Panel Decision Over Ban on Imported Beef

A WTO Panel has found that the European Union's ban on the import of hormone-treated beef is illegal. The decision was a victory for the U.S., however, the basis for the decision may come back to haunt the U.S. is future decisions. The Panel found that the ban was illegal because there was no scientific justification supporting it in the Panel's opinion. This decision may put other environmental or consumer restrictions at risk if a WTO is not satisfied with a nation's scientific documentation. The ban on hormone-treated beef is so popular with consumers in the EU that it is considered likely the EU will elect to pay compensation in the form of lower tariffs on other products rather than remove the ban and allow the sale of U.S. beef.

European Union Loses Panel on Banana Preferences

A WTO Panel found that the European Union's preferential treatment of bananas from ACP countries (former European colonies) was illegal and discriminated against bananas produced by American companies in Central and South America. The European Parliament reacted angrily to the decision, calling on the Commission to find a way to continue the preferences.

PUBLIC INTERNATIONAL LAW

ASIA

Chairman of South Korean Hanbo Group Convicted of Bribery; President's Son Indicted for Corruption

Following his prosecution for giving bribes to government officials and bank chiefs in exchange for loans, Hanbo Group Chairman Chung Tae-soo was sentenced to fifteen years in prison. The case involved alleged bribes totaling 3.25 billion won which were paid out of 191.1 billion won embezzled from the Hanbo Group, the primary unit of which, Hanbo Steel, underwent a financial meltdown brought on by heavy debt. Ten other individuals, including former government officials and legislators, also received prison terms ranging from three to seven years. In a related story, Kim Hyun-chul, the son of South Korean President, Kim Young-sam, was indicted for corruption and tax evasion after allegedly taking millions in bribes to use his influence to secure government contracts.

Philippine Government Files Environmental Suit Against Developer

The Philippine Department of Environmental and Natural Resources is filing suit against a large housing developer, Filinvest Land Inc., for failing to obtain environmental compliance certificates before starting work on an upscale development project in Manila. FLI's owners are subject to criminal penalties under the suit.

Australian Euthanasia Law Struck Down

Australian Governor General William Dean signed a bill on March 27 to strike down legislation in the Northern Territory which legalized euthanasia despite a decision by the Territory's Supreme Court upholding the law. The Northern Territory's euthanasia law had been in effect since July 1996 and was the only law in the world which allowed physicians to assist patients in the commission of suicide after U.S. courts prevented a similar law in Oregon from taking effect.

Former President of Nomura Securities Indicted for Dealing With Racketeers

In a surprise move, Japanese prosecutors arrested Hideo Sakamaki, the former President of Japan's largest securities firm, Nomura Securities, and charged him with illegally compensating alleged racketeers for losses. Sakamaki resigned as President following revelations of illegal activities and the scandal was expected to slowly fade pursuant to Japanese corporate custom, however Japanese prosecutors acting with the blessings of Prime Minister Hashimoto, who was the architect of the new securities law under which Sakamaki is being charged, are signaling that resignation may no longer be treated as sufficient punishment.

Territorial Dispute Goes to The Hague

Malaysia and Indonesia have agreed to refer a 28 year old territorial dispute over two islands, Pulua Ligitan and Pulua Sipadan, to the International Court at The Hague. The two countries announced that they hoped their decision to have the court decide the case under international law would provide an example to other countries, in particular the dispute between China and its neighbors over the Spratly Islands in the South China Sea.

EUROPE

Russia and the Ukraine Sign Treaty on Friendship, Cooperation and Partnership

Boris Yeltsin and Leonid Kuchma signed a slate of agreements in May outlining cooperation and coordination between Russia and Ukraine on a number of issues including defense, customs, immigration, export controls, and European security arrangements. After signing the accords, Yeltsin decreed a 50% reduction on the value added tax on Russian imports from Ukraine.

Germany Recalls Its Ambassadors From Iran

Germany recalled its ambassador from Iran after a German court held in April that Iran's President and its spiritual leader were responsible for ordering the assassinations of three Kurds in Berlin in 1992. Immediately after the decision, other E.U. nations followed suit, withdrawing their ambassadors from Tehran, but then later deciding to send them back amid confusion over how the court ruling will effect the European Union policy of constructive engagement with Iran. Large anti-German demonstrations erupted in the streets of Iran following the action and the Foreign Minister of Iran insisted that the court's decision violates international law preventing domestic courts from hearing claims against sovereign states and their statesmen acting in an official capacity.

Budapest Charges \$6,000 for Dinner for Four People

The consumer protection authorities in Budapest instituted legal proceedings against a Budapest restaurant which charged two Danish tourists and two women companions almost \$6,000 for dinner and drinks. The restaurant called the Dreher Halaszcsarda has a policy of multiplying listed menu prices by 10 times after 7 p.m. The U.S. embassy has warned visitors about the overpricing tactics used by Budapest cafes and nightclubs, but the legal proceedings are unlikely to deter the restaurant as the maximum fine allowed by law is \$175.

Albania Adopts Law to Regulate Pyramid Schemes

The Albanian parliament passed legislation to regulate Albanian pyramid investment companies following months of civil unrest brought on by the collapse of five pyramid schemes in which many Albanians had invested their life savings. The law provides for the appointment of a supervisor and an independent group of financial experts to take control of the four major pyramid companies which are still operating, but are no longer paying interest. The schemes which have already collapsed are not regulated under the new law because they are the subject of investigation by state prosecutors.

European Parliament Demands Resumption of WTO Panel on Helms-Burton

The European Parliament passed a resolution demanding that the European Union reinstate its complaint against the United States over the Helms-Burton law on investment in Cuba. The EU suspended the action in April after the Clinton Administration agreed to pursue amendments to the Law, however, following the agreement, the Senate Foreign Relations Committee proposed amendments which would toughen the law rather than make it more palatable to the EU. The EU has subsequently warned the U.S. that it will renew the complaint if Clinton is unable to obtain the concessions that were agreed to.

NORTH AMERICA

House of Representatives Reinstates Ban on Aid for Abortion

In June, the House of Representatives voted to reinstate the absolute ban on aid to international organizations which may directly or indirectly be used to fund abortions. The ban includes U.S. contributions to the United Nations Population Fund unless the Fund certifies than no coercive abortions took place in China last year or the Fund suspends activities in China. The vote drew sharp criticism from Planned Parenthood, who said it made no sense to stop abortion by denying funds to organizations that provide family planning services.

FCC Proposes Rules for Foreign Entry into American Telecommunications Market

The Federal Communications Commission proposed a series of rules in June that would streamline the process for foreign companies who wish to enter the U.S. market. The new rules will apply to the 69 signatory countries of the WTO Agreement on Telecommunications which was negotiated earlier this year. Parties from countries who are not a signatory will be governed by the old rules which required the FCC to review if the market in the applicant's country was open to U.S. investment as well.

U.S. Law Banning Female Genital Mutilation Goes Into Effect

On March 29, U.S. legislation criminalizing female genital mutilation went into effect. Immigrants from countries where genital mutilation is practiced will now be notified of both the legal and health consequences of maintaining the custom. The law is expected to impact as many as 78,000 children in the United States who are at risk of undergoing the painful procedure as the tradition is continued after families come to the U.S.

CIA-Backed Iraqis Jailed In California

A group of Iraqis who were backed by the CIA to help undermine Saddam Hussein after the Gulf War and who were later offered refuge in the United States are now being jailed in California under FBI allegations that some or all of the group may be Iraqi spies or potential terrorists. The Iraqis in custody include members of the Iraqi National Accord (INA) and Iraqi National Congress (INC). The proceedings against the Iraqis are largely being kept secret, and available court documents filed against them do not specify the charges. Some of the accused speculate they have been falsely accused by fellow dissident refugees of the INA and INC. If the accusations are upheld, the group faces deportation, possibly to Iran.



INTERNATIONAL LAW SECTION GUIDE TO NAVIGATING THE WORLD WIDE WEB

International Law Section Guide to NAVIGATING THE WORLD WIDE WEB Glen Price

Los Angeles, CA

This feature is the sixth in a series focusing on useful web sites for international research and practice. Log into the Section's web site at www.calbar.org/ils.htm to see prior guides to other areas of law. The series continues with a look at legal issues associated with that virtual world which knows no borders and encompasses all legal jurisdictions - the Internet.

RESEARCHING CYBERLAW - THE GROWTH OF LEGAL ISSUES RELATED TO THE INTERNET

One of the most dynamic areas of the law today is the piecemeal, sometimes chaotic, often ill-prepared attempt to create a body of law to govern the Internet. While legal issues involving the Internet cover a wide variety of legal disciplines from intellectual property, to exports controls, to criminal prosecution for obscenity and gambling, there is a core group of important Internet centric issues which will have important legal ramifications for the future. These issues are enjoying heightened public awareness this summer as all three branches of government and the WTO tackle elements of the growing field of cyberlaw. The Supreme Court will rule this summer on the scope of first amendment protection for speech on the Internet when it decides on the validity of the Communications Decency Act.

The FTC is holding hearings on the issue of privacy on the Internet and the failure of current law to protect a wide array of information being digitally gathered and used with the help of the internet, usually without the individual consumers knowledge. Congress will continue debate on easing the export control of encryption technology which is used to protect the exchange of private information on the web, but which the U.S. government wants to control through the use of encryption keys that will allow law enforcement agencies a back door for monitoring any digital communication. Finally, the World Intellectual Property Organization is negotiating a treaty on copyright law which could have a broad impact on the free availability of information on the Internet. For anyone with a professional, policy-related, or academic interest in internet law, there are a number of useful advocacy groups and legal resources on the web, some of which give the visitor an opportunity to take part is the shaping of internet law and policy.

The Electronic Frontier Foundation [www.eff.org]

The Electronic Frontier Foundation is the ACLU of the Internet, taking part in public policy debate, filing amicus briefs, and serving as a center of information on attempts to regulate business, information, and discourse on the Internet. The site contains a wealth of up-to-date information on legislative proposals, court cases, citizen initiatives, and developments in intellectual property law that impact the internet.

The Internet Law Handbook Newsletter [www.lexonline.com/newslet.htm]

This site provides an excellent resource on legal issues which effect business and commerce on the web, such as the use of contracts on the Internet, efforts to halt computer fraud, and email privacy rights in the workplace.

The Cyberlaw Encyclopedia [gahtan.com/techlaw/home.htm]

This site is provided by an attorney in Canada practicing Computer Law, however, it is a good introductory resource on all manner of legal or policy questions with respect to the internet.

The Congressional Internet Caucus [www.house.gov/white/internet_caucus/]

This site of computer savvy legislators in the House of Representatives allows the citizen to provide direct input on legislation and policy matters which effect the internet.

Internet Privacy Coalition [www.privacy.org/ipc/]

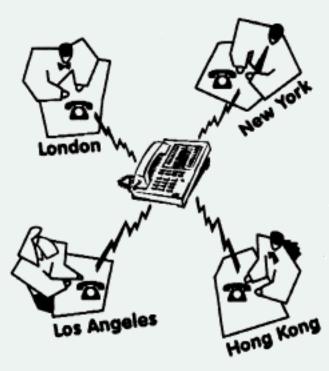
This advocacy group is a combination of consumer groups and business interests intent on promoting the free export of U.S. encryption technology, the exploitation of encryption technology to prevent fraud and ensure privacy, and the prevention of government eavesdropping on digital communications.

The Center for Democracy and Technology [www.cdt.org]

An internet advocacy group promoting civil liberties and public education on internet issues.



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Export of Mass Market Software & Encryption Controls. Speakers: Edward L. Rubinoff of Akin, Gump, Strauss, Hauer & Feld, Washington, D.C., and a representative of the Bureau of Export Administration (November 6, 1996).

Section 337. Tariff Act Investigations. Speakers: Jim Adduci and Tom Schaumberg, of Adduci, Mastriani & Schaumberg, L.L.P., Washington, D.C. (November 13, 1996).

Fundamentals of Arbitration of International Disputes for the Private Practitioner. Prof. Robert E. Lutz of the Southwestern University School of Law, Los Angeles (November 20, 1996).

Improving Law Office Communication Using the Meyer-Briggs Personality Type Indicator (MBPTI). Joseph Pagano, M.A., Monterey. MCLE: One hour Law Practice Management (January 8, 1997).

Ethical Issues in the Practice of International Law. Paul W. Vapnek of Townsend and Townsend, San Francisco. MCLE: One hour Legal Ethics (January 14, 1997).

Legal Research on International Law Issues Using the Internet. Lyonette Louis-Jacques of the University of Chicago and Guy Alvarez, Esq. of Sharkner, Inc., New York. MCLE: One hour Law Practice Management (January 22, 1997).

Ethical Issues in Marketing. Robert N. Kohn, Sr. of Kohn Communications, Los Angeles, and Ira Spiro of Brown, Altshuler & Spiro, Beverly Hills. MCLE: One hour Legal Ethics (January 23, 1997).

Elimination of Bias. Prof. John McDermott, Loyola Law School, Los Angeles. MCLE: One hour Elimination of Bias in the Legal Profession (January 29, 1997).

Internet Law and Other Current Policy Issues. [Focus: international copyright issues) Bill Burrington of America OnLine, Washington, D.C. and Andrea Ireland, Netscape Communications Corp, Bethseda, MD. MCLE: One hour. (April 23, 1997).

Internet Law and Other Current Policy Issues. Carl Middlehurst of Sun Microsystems, Mountain View, CA, Ian Ballon of Brown & Bain, Palo Alto, CA and Gary Fresen of Baker & McKenzie, Chicago, IL. MCLE: One hour.

(April 23, 1997).

Intellectual Property Enforcement Abroad and the Role of the USTR (Special 301). Joe Papovich, Asst. US Trade Representative and Tom Robertson, Asst. General Counsel, USTR, Washington, D.C.. MCLE: 1 hour. (May 1, 1997).

The Foreign Corrupt Practices Act: Introduction and Update. Danforth Newcomb, Shearman & Sterling, New York. MCLE: One hour. (May 8, 1997).

Recent Developments in Immigration Reform: New Statutes and Regulations. David Hirson and Mitchell Wexler of Hirson, Wexler, Perl & Stark, Irvine. (May 8, 1997).

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STUDENT REPORTERS WANTED

Join our editorial team for the 1997-98 school year! For the past two years, this feature on News from Around the World has been the work of various California students who have an interest in international law. This is a great opportunity to stay on top of current developments in international law, to hone your research and writing skills, and to put your name on a quality publication.

Student reporters will be in their second or third year of law school and will have taken (or be taking) either public international law or international commercial law. The positions require superior research and writing skills and a firm commitment to meeting the Newsletter's quarterly deadlines. If you are interested, please send a resume and two short writing samples to: Debra Belanger, Editor, International Law Section Newsletter, 11901 Santa Monica Blvd., #532, Los Angeles, CA 90025; Fax: 310-820-1761.



STRESS BUSTED!

This year's Stress Busters Weekend at the Palms Resort in Palm Springs was a smashing success. The event was held the weekend of March 14-16, 1997, and provided lots of time for relaxation, information, MCLE credit, networking, and fun. Those attending gave rave reviews.

"Great Weekend -- and a good opportunity to get to know some very friendly and collegial section members. I'm looking forward to coming next year." (Nancy Honig, Intertrust Technologies, Sunnyvale)

- "More aquaerobics for the International Law Section! A great atmosphere for getting to know colleagues." (Ann Kantor, Sacramento)
- "Most enjoyable MCLE credits I've gotten." (Mitch Wexler, Hirson, Wexler, Perl & Stark)
- "The best sleep I've had in months!" (Stephanie Tramz, Raytheon Electronics, Mountain View)
- "As advertised, it really works!" (Bob Cotten, Hughes Aircraft, Los Angeles)
- "I'm so relaxed I can hardly talk." (Ron Laurie, McCutcheon, Brown, Doyle & Enerson)
- "We enjoyed ourselves immensely. A wonderful ambiance with marvelously interesting friends." (Senator Omer Rains, Sacramento)
- "The weekend was an inspiration." (Caroline Mead, Graham & James, San Francisco)
- "It was great to get away and relax. The program, facilities and classes facilitated a restful and educational weekend." (Brenda Kosma, Pasadena)
- "I'm already looking forward to next year!" (Linnet Harlan, Pacific Grove)
- "I'm even willing to chair the weekend again next year." (Susan Liebeler, Los Angeles)
- "Hillary and I will try to join you next spring. We were too stressed to make it this year." (W. Clinton, Washington, D.C.)

Plans are already underway for next spring's program, when we hope you will join us in Palm Springs for a great weekend of stress reduction and networking. Watch for details in the next issue of this Newsletter.



OTHER ACTIVITIES OF INTEREST

Thanks, Tom

Tom Bennett is the Editor of the Other Activities of Interest section of this Newsletter. If you would like to list any activities here, please contact Tom as follows:

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American Bar Association - ILEX Delegation and Briefing Trip to India

Tentative Program October 26-November 1, 1997

The ABA Section of International Law and Practice is sponsoring a Delegation and briefing trip to India this year to explore the economic and financial framework for doing business in the new India. In Delhi, the Delegation will receive a briefing by the U.S. Embassy and visit various Indian government agencies. Other programs have been scheduled with the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce, the Indo-American Chamber of Commerce, and the U.S.-India Business Council. In Bombay, the Delegation will focus on financial issues with visits to the Reserve Bank of India and the Securities Exchange Board and Stock Exchange.

For information, please contact Edison W. Dick, Chair, ABA International Legal Exchange Committee, 1700 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Suite 620, Washington, D.C. 20006; (202) 347-9015; e-mail: dickilex @erols.com.

George Mason University Center for International Trade Policy at the Institute of Public Policy

Study at Oxford, England July 18-27 1997

Global Trade Strategies: Overcoming Obstacles. The Global Trading System and New Transactions with Europe and Asia.

This is an introductory, intensive program focusing on the public policy, legal and practical issues concerning trade, finance and politics. Emphasis is on financial services, telecommunications, and information technology. A special session is presented on the Internet and global trade sites. Guest lectures focus on the unique British experience in Europe and Asia, and on the role of the City of London in global trade and finance. On-site visits

are scheduled to various institutions in London.

For further information and an application, contact Mary Getsey Bernier, Program Manager, Center for Global Education; tel (703) 993-2154, fax: (703) 993-2163 or e-mail: cge@gmu.edu.

Fifteenth LAWASIA Conference Law In a Changing Asia

Manila, Philippines 26-31 August 1997

The fifteenth LAWASIA conference is hosted by the Integrated Bar of the Philippines. Since its inception in 1966, the Law Association for Asia and the Pacific (LAWASIA) has built up an enviable reputation among lawyers, businessmen and governments both within and outside the region. It has established a strong and effective professional network encompassing the vast majority of lawyers who have an interest in the Asia Pacific region.

The Conference is a perfect forum for delegates to gain valuable knowledge on developments in law and insights from top legal scholars and practitioners; network with lawyers of different specializations and backgrounds; take advantage of how others meet the challenge of globalization, free trade, technology and developments in communications. The program focuses on the many changes triggered by the unprecedented growth in Asia's economies and considers whether the region's laws are adequate to handle Asia's changes and whether there are sufficient legal structures to underlie the new order. Educational seminars include important issues such as: judicial selection, energy law, business law, family law and family rights, human rights, general practice, and labor law.

The Keynote speaker is His Excellency Fidel V. Ramos, President, Republic of the Philippines. The Conference runs simultaneously with the Seventh Conference of Chief Justices of Asia and the Pacific.

For Conference registration forms fax to (632) 633 6589 or write to: XVth LAWASIA Conference Secretariat, Philippine Exhibition Services Organization (P.E.S.O.), Inc., Unit 1205, The Centerpoint, Garnet Street corner Julias Vargas Avenue, Ortigas Center, Pasig City 1600 Metro Manila, Philippines

International Association of Young Lawyers 35th Annual Congress

Florence, Italy 1-6 September, 1997 New Technologies and the Law

The International Association of Young Lawyers, through a wide range of meetings, seminars, law courses and advocacy, promotes professional cooperation and friendship among young attorneys around the world. An annual week-long congress brings together hundreds of AIJA members for study of issues of interest to both veteran and novice international practitioners. This year's congress discusses issues relating to new technologies and the law. For further information contact C.S.S.-Viale G. Mazzini, 70-50132 Florence, Italy, telefax/telecopier =39-55-248 0246.

World Jurist Association 18th Biennial Conference on the Law of the World

Doha, Qatar Sept. 21-26, 1997

The distinguished panelists will discuss this year's theme of _Law and Development in the Pursuit of Peace_. The highlight of the program will be a Demonstration Trial. The Conference will cover such topics as: Health Law and Human Rights, International Law, Legal Education, Arbitration, International Environmental Law, Media and the Law, and Technology and Law.

For further information please contact: The World Jurist Association, 1000 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., Suite 202, Washington, D.C. 20036. USA. Tel: 202-466-5428/fax: 202-452-8540.

International Association of Lawyers (Union Internationale Des Avocats) XLI Congress

Philadelphia September 3-7, 1997

The UIA is the oldest international organization of lawyers and lawyers associations. The Congress will address three main themes:

Theme 1: Lifting the Judicial Curtain: High Court Judges from around the World Decide a Constitutional Case;

Theme 2: The Role of the Lawyer in the Defense of Human Rights;

Theme 3: Practicing International Law in the Age of the World Wide Web

The meetings will take place at the Congress Center, in the heart of Philadelphia. Please call (215) 987-4960 for further information or contact: McGettigan Corporate Planning Services, 100 Penn Square East, 11th Floor. Philadelphia, PA 19107-3393, Fax + 1(215) 422-1283, or

Siège Administratif UIA, 25 Rue Due Jour, 75001 Paris (France), Tel: +33(01)45 08 82 34, Fax: +33(01)45 08 82 31, E-mail: 100771.2060@compuserve.com..

Local Bar Activities

Orange County Bar Association Legal Developments in China and Hong Kong

June 16, 1997

The International Law Section's bi-monthly luncheon will feature Dr. An Yueh Tze-Han, Counsellor General Principal and Professor, International Legal Dept. of China, Beijing, Fada Law Firm, China University of Political Science and Law. One of the largest law firms - P.R.C. discussing legal developments in China and Hong Kong, during the Section's regularly scheduled luncheon meeting on June 16, 1997 from 12:00 - 1:30 p.m.

For further information contact Richard Schwarstein, Chair OCBA-ILS, Tel: 714/752-9152.